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1. US REP, MEYNELL AND CHAIRMAN WURTH MET MORNING  
NOVEMBER 13 AND AGREED ON PROCEDURE FOR DEFERRAL QUESTION  
INTERPRETATION PARA 2 ARTICLE 4 (SELECTIVITY). IN MEETING,  
MEYNELL ASKED FOR CONSIDERATION THIS AGENDA ITEM (2C)  
AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 13 AS HE HAD PRIOR COMMITMENT PRECLUDING  
HIS PRESENCE AT NOVEMBER 14 SESSIONS.

2. ACCORDING AGREED PLAN, CHAIRMAN OPENED TSB SESSION  
WITH PROPOSAL TO CONSIDER, AT MEYNELL'S REQUEST, INTERPRETATION  
ITEM FIRST. US REP WAS THEN GIVEN FLOOR AND REMINDED BODY  
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THAT HE HAD STATED AT PREVIOUS SESSION WHEN ISSUE WAS RAISED

THAT IT WAS MOST SERIOUS MATTER FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS MFA AND THAT US AND OTHER MFA PARTICIPANTS WOULD WISH CONSULT AND REFLECT BEFORE DISCUSSION ISSUE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. US REP STATED THIS PROCESS NOT COMPLETED. POINTED OUT FURTHER THAT, IN PRESENTATION (BETWEEN THIS AND LAST SESSIONS) OF "REASONED STATEMENTS" REGARDING US-INDIA, US-JAPAN AND US-HONG KONG BILATERALS THIS QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. US REP INDICATED HOWEVER THAT, DESPITE FACT THAT BODY HAD HAD NO CHANCE TO

STUDY TEXTS OF US-HONG KONG OR US-JAPAN BILATERALS (THEY ONLY DISTRIBUTED AT OPENING OF SESSION), US REP WAS PREPARED, IF BODY WISHED, FOR DISCUSSION ANY ASPECT THESE BILATERALS OTHER THAN INTERPRETATION ARTICLE 4 PARA 2. MEYNELL WAS THEN GIVEN FLOOR AND AGREED TOTALLY WITH US REP'S STATEMENT. BY PREARRANGEMENT, OTHER MEMBERS INTERVENED IN SIMILAR SENSE AND ISSUE WAS DROPPED FOR THIS SESSION.

2. CONSENSUS WAS QUICKLY REACHED THAT, SINCE MEMBERS HAD HAD INADEQUATE TIME REVIEW TEXTS OF US-JAPAN AND US-HONG KONG BILATERALS, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION THESE NOTIFICATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING. HOWEVER, IN REACHING THIS POSITION, ALL MEMBERS (EXCEPT US REP AND MIZOGUCHI) ROUNDLY CRITICIZED US-JAPAN "REASONED STATEMENT". US REP AND JAPAN REP BOTH MADE VIGOROUS EFFORTS DEFEND STATEMENT, BUT CONSENSUS WAS TO REQUEST CHAIRMAN TO ASK BOTH GOVERNMENTS THROUGH GENEVA MISSIONS FOR A MORE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENTS CON.TEX/SB/35. SOME MEMBERS MADE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN US-HONG KONG STATEMENT AND US-JAPAN STATEMENT.

3. REMAINDER AFTERNOON SESSION DEVOTED TO PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION OF "PRACTICAL STANDARDS" FOR DETERMINATION EXISTENCE MARKET DISRUPTION. US REP TOOK POSITION THAT THERE WAS NO PRACTICAL WAY TO DEVELOP UNIVERSALLY APPLICABLE STANDARDS IN THAT THERE WERE NO TWO TEXTILE MARKETS ALIKE NOR WOULD THERE LIKELY EVEN BE ANY SITUATIONS OF DISRUPTION ARISING FROM IDENTICAL FACTORS. OTHER MEMBERS SPOKE IN SAME VEIN AND, AFTER NONE MORE SPEECH 'SCHEDULED MORNING NOVEMBER 14), THIS QUESTION SHOULD ALSO BE LAID TO REST. ISSUE STEMMED FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANADIAN REJECTION OF TSB PROPOSAL THEY NOTIFY A BILATERAL RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WITH SINGAPORE UNDER ARTICLE 2 OR 4 RATHER THAN ARTICLE 3. IN MAKING CASE ORIGINALLY, CANADA HAD LEANED HEAVILY ON CONCEPT OF "CUMULATIVE MARKET DISRUPTION". US REP AT THAT TIME AND IN PRESENT DISCUSSION VIGOROUSLY DEFENDED THIS CONCEPT.

4. STRONGLY CONCUR IN USEC BRUSSELS RECOMMENDATIONS

IN REF B. WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT US REP WOULD  
HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF FULLY JURICH ON POSSIBILITIES  
AND DEVELOPMENTS IN TSB BEFORE RPT BEFORE HIS MEETINGS  
WITH EC COMMISSION. DALE

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